

1       What is claimed is:

2           Claim 1 An electronic connector terminal comprising a  
3           terminal base material formed by punching a metal thin plate and an  
4           Au plating layer covering said terminal base material, said  
5           terminal base material further comprising a lateral part having at  
6           least one contact and defined as a cut surface of said thin plate  
7           through said punching and a planer part defined by front and back  
8           faces of a punched-out piece from said thin plate, wherein a  
9           thickness of an Au plating layer covering said planer part is  
10          thinner than a thickness of an Au plating layer covering said  
11          lateral part having said at least one contact.

12          Claim 2 The electronic connector terminal of claim 1, wherein  
13          a ratio of said thickness of said Au plating layer covering said  
14          lateral part and said thickness of said Au plating layer covering  
15          said planer part is to be from about 10:1 to 5:1.

16          Claim 3 The electronic connector terminal of claim 1, wherein  
17          said electronic connector terminal comprises a liner plating layer  
18          formed between said terminal base material and said Au plating  
19          layer so as to cover said terminal base material.

20          Claim 4 The electronic connector terminal of claim 3, wherein  
21          a thickness of a liner plating layer covering said planer part is  
22          thinner than a thickness of a liner plating layer covering said  
23          lateral part having said at least one contact.

24          Claim 5 The electronic connector terminal of claim 3, wherein  
25          a ratio of said thickness of said liner plating layer covering said

1 lateral part and said thickness of said liner plating layer  
2 covering said planer part is to be from about 10:1 to 5:1.